Accidents in Ahmedabad - Howrah Express

1231. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total toll in railway accident including the derailment of Ahmedabad - Howrah Express during the last three years;

(b) whether India stands top in the list of railway accidents in the world; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Number of persons killed in train accidents during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and derailment of Ahmedabad - Howrah Express is as under:

1994-95	305
1995-96	594
1996-97	363
April-October 1997 (including derailment of Ahmedabad-Howrah Express)	190

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Calcutta Metro Railway

1232. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the sale amount of passenger tickets turn-out, in 1995-96 and 1996-97 in Calcutta Metro; and

(b) the work expenses of Metro Railways during the same period; category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The revenue earnings on account of sale of tickets etc. in Calcutta Metro is as under:—

Year	No. of passengers (in crores)	Earnings (in crore of Rs.)
1995-96	4.33	11.70
1996-97	6.26	17.42

(b) The working expenses are as under:—

(In crore of Rupees)

Year	Gross working expenses	Appropriation to pension reserve fund	Net working expenses	Main categories of working expenses		
				Staff	Energy	Maintenance
1995-96	25.48	3.23	22.25	6.78	11.02	2.20
1996-97	37.19	4.15	33.04	10.92	14.96	3.01

घायल यात्रियों को हर्जाना देना

1233. श्री बंगारू लक्ष्मण: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में, रेल दुर्घटना में पीड़ित यात्रियों को दिए जाने वाली हर्जाने की राशि में वृद्धि की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) हर्जाने की बढ़ाई गई राशि का भुगतान किस तारीख से किया जाएगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) जी हां।